

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Session
February 16, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairman Chris Tuten, Commissioners Gene Hall, Austin Hosford, Stephen Walker and JT Surlles. Also present were Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, County Attorney Heather Encinosa and County Manager Shannon Metty.

1. Chairman Tuten called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Hall led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.
2. Katrina Richardson announced they would be having an economic development impact study performed and asked the Board if they would like to contribute towards this endeavor. It was the will of the Board to assist with \$1,500 towards the study.
3. Newly elected Jefferson County School Board member Brenda Wirik addressed the Board and indicated that she was ready to help and assist in any way that she could.
4. **On a motion made by Commissioner Hosford, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the attached vouchers to be paid, the account list, and the Commissioners report.**
5. County Attorney, Heather Encinosa introduced item 5a, the Solar Farm Ordinance Discussion and the attached Cover Letter and proposed Ordinance.
6. County Attorney Encinosa introduced item 5b, External Committees with County Appointee Resolutions. **On a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the attached Resolutions with the several changes that were made by the Board.**
7. County Attorney Encinosa introduced item 5c, Approval of Advisory Board Resolutions and Ratification of Member Appointments. **On a motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously approved, the Board approved the attached Planning Commission and TDC Resolutions and will bring back the Affordable Housing Resolution at a later date.**
8. County Attorney Manager Encinosa introduced item 5d, Direction Regarding Appointments and Unknown Advisory Boards. **On a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Hosford, and unanimously approved, the Board approved that the Committee's discussed are not formally needed.**
9. Chairman Tuten opened the public hearing on item 5e, the Unsafe Building Ordinance. County Attorney Encinosa went through the changes made to the Ordinance and the Board took questions and discussion from the audience before Chairman Tuern closed the public hearing. **On a motion by Commissioner Surlles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached proposed ordinance.**

10. County Attorneys introduced item 5f, County Redistricting Proposals. After Board discussion this item was tabled for future consideration.
11. The County Engineer gave an update on the progress of their projects.
12. County Manager, Shannon Metty gave the Board an update on several changes that were made to the vouchers as well as an update on the planning workshop. She also let the Board know that the contract with Langton and Associates for Grant writing and management was coming up and the consensus of the Board was to let it phase out and not re-new their contract. County Manager Metty also discussed several road paving projects as well as the fact that she was going to begin working on next year's budget with her Departments.
13. Commissioner Hall stated that he was glad we were partnering with the Jefferson County School Board for their use and potential purchase of some of their non maintained but valuable facilities.
14. Commissioner Hosford indicated that there were roads in Lloyd Acres that needed lines painted on them for safety reasons and requested what could be done to facilitate this need.
15. **On motion by Commissioner Surles, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Florida**

Chris Tuten, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court